14th December, 2004 that additional gas will be prorated among the new IPPs without affecting the existing power producers. Subsequently, on request of Government of Andhra Pradesh, Government directed GAIL to limit supply of gas to the existing IPPs only. It was decided that gas would be supplied to new IPPs only when additional gas becomes available.

(b) Kakinada-Hyderabad-Uran-Ahmedabad Pipeline with a length of 1385 km is being laid by M/s Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure, passing *inter alia* through 563 km in 7 districts in Andhra Pradesh. Government has issued authorizations to Vijayawada-Nellore-Chennai pipeline and Kakinada-Basudebpur-Howrah pipeline passing through Andhra Pradesh. Krishna Godavari Gas Network Limited (KGGNL)'s application for grant of authorization for laying, building and operating common carrier natural gas pipelines in the state of Andhra Pradesh has been forwarded to Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) for consideration, since the provisions of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (except Section 16) have been made effective from 01.10.2007.

Supply of gas to Uran power plant

1211. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra State Power Generation Company (Mahagenco) has decided to raise the capacity of its gas based Uran plant to 750 MW by end of March 2008;

(b) whether the plant actually depends on the pipeline that is being constructed by Gas Authority of India Limited, which will connect the Uran Plant to the west coast of the country;

(c) whether the new pipeline will be operational from March, 2008; and

(d) if so, whether supply of gas has already been provided to this plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (MahaGenco) has planned to set up 1040 MW expansion of Gas based Combined Cycle Power Generation Project at Uran. Gas source for this has yet to be tied up. GAIL (India) limited has constructed Dahej-Uran Pipeline (DUPL). Its spurline Panvel-Uran pipeline would be mechanically completed by 31.3.08 and, thereafter, pipeline would be ready to be charged with gas.

Supply of cooking gas through pipeline in Jharkhand

†1212. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for providing cooking gas through gas pipeline in Ranchi, Jamshedpur and other cities of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cities, where this plan is likely to be started and by when?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.